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## Jackie Southwick Director of Weber Valley

by Lisa Schauerhamer

Jackie Southwick is currently the Assistant Program Director of the Weber Valley Detention Center. She has a BS in Psychology and Criminal Justice, and a Masters degree in Social Work and has completed the necessary clinical hours for her LCSW. She has been at Weber Valley for the past 5 years. This position has been challenging and rewarding for Jackie. "Being a Director of a facility is good most of the time," says Jackie. "There are a variety of responsibilities, from staff, to kids, to budgets, to maintenance. Facility staff are like family, we work and play together and use any excuse to have a pot luck!" Jackie says "We have to rely on each other and trust that our co-worker will be there to back us up in the event of chaos. We also need to keep a sense of humor and laugh at the small stuff. We laugh a lot!"



Jackie was born in South Dakota, but grew up in Utah. Jackie has two sons and two grand sons. Jackie loves to ski in the winter and boating and golfing are her summer loves.

About 20 years ago Jackie completed a practicum at the Mill Creek Youth Center. It was from that experience that she decided that she wanted to pursue this field of work as a career and went to work at Mill Creek full time. "Working with kids is a great reward!" Says Jackie. She has been a facility or program Director for the last 15 years.

Jackie says that she has been lucky in the system, having many great opportunities to develop and implement innovative new programming for the Division. She was involved in the development of the Project PATHWAY community drug and alcohol program and supervised the program for about 4 years. Further, she assisted in the development and

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# YOUTH PAROLE AUTHORITY

by Garrett Watkins/Lisa Schauerhamer

The Youth Parole Authority is made up of fifteen members, ten full time members that serve twice a month, and five pro-tem or (part-time) members that serve once a month at hearings. All expectations are the same for each member except the time commitment. Each member can serve two terms. A term is four years. Parole board members are appointed by the Governor with approval of the Senate. The majority of appointees are sought out through recommendations. A good source for recommendations is the current board members.

Recently at the JJS State wide conference, those leaving the Parole Board were honored at the Annual Board Meeting. These veterans are people to emulate and they will be greatly missed.

Jeff Norton has served two full terms, and been associated with the board for twelve years. "Jeff is a unique individual, he truly loves the kids," says Garrett Watkins, Administrative Officer, Youth Parole Authority. "He has a big heart and lots of empathy. He really goes the extra mile to help make changes. He is in the construction business, pool and landscaping. He has employed some of the kids that come to the St. George area. Jeff has seen a lot of success with the kids. In hearings he shows emotion when touched. He is able to individualize. He is a great teacher in treating every case as individual. He has NOT become calloused and is able to show genuine love and concern for the kids."

"Veronica Thomas brought a unique perspective as a professional woman. She is a young retiree from the USAF after at least 20 years of service. She has pursued her education and received a BS degree and started her Masters while on active duty. She is currently in the Home Mortgage business. She has opened offices in Layton and St. George for her company. Veronica was raised in a family with brothers and sisters, and with her military training she can come across as being very firm, but she is always fair." says Garrett Watkins. "She is very dependable, and always prepared for hearings. She is looked upon as a leader among peer board members. If she accepts an assignment she is there."

"Both Veronica and Jeff are friendly personalities, fun to be around and easy to work with. They will be missed." says Garrett. "Veronica will continue to be involved with JJS through a recent appointment to the Juvenile Justice Services Board."

The new members of the Parole Board are Myron Benson who comes recommended by Dan Maldonado and Judy Hammer from the JJS Board. He will be a great asset. Al Emery is returning after his second LDS Mission, he has served on and off three different times and will serve a full term. Welcome also to Olga de la Cruz who is new to the YPA board.

Continuing members of the YPA are:

Jean Boyack - SLC

Deween Durrant - Sandy

Hank Hoole - SLC

Kathy Peterson - Eden

Doyle Talbot - Mountain Green

Jennifer Yim - SLC

Calvin Clegg - Park City

Rodney Fakatou - Holiday

Gary Mackelprang - Cedar City

Lynn Stewart - Midvale

Ray Terry - Richfield





# Curtis deLagerheim

## EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

by Lisa Schauerhamer



One of our own Juvenile Justice Service employees received this prestigious award from the Governor on June 19th 2007. Congratulations! Curtis deLagerheim recently made a Counselor III at the Salt Lake Observation and Assessment Center. Curtis was nominated for the following achievements by his co-workers:

During his tenure as the O&A restitution coordinator, Curtis directed restitution activities with non-profit groups on a daily basis. Curtis would supervise the youth during restitution activities by providing a good example of work ethics and job completion. He coordinated lawn services for four non-profit organizations and fourteen residential properties in a retirement community on a weekly basis.

While out on restitution projects, Curtis provided protection for the community while supervising youth offenders in a residential and non-secure facility. During this time he observed and recorded interactions and behaviors displayed by the residents within the facility and in the community. He also reinforced positive role models and thinking in an attempt to improve the opportunities to perform programming with youth, while educating and informing the residents on more constructive choices and life skills.

Apart from serving his role as the restitution coordinator for the residents, Curtis supervised the counselors and coordinated coverage on restitution activities. He would perform programming on restitution, empathy, positive mental processing and other vital topics to show how a resident's behavior affects the community.

Another crucial aspect of Curtis' role as coordinator was to compose restitution reports on all the individual youth and keep track of hours performed during their stay. Included with this report were compiled monthly reports concerning restitution hours completed by both the male and female residents of the Salt Lake O&A.

Curtis took it upon himself to perform weekly inspections of the unit vehicles and coordinate regularly scheduled services. He also tracked vehicle usage by staff and handled the repairs on vehicles and lawn care equipment. Curtis has coordinated training opportunities with the training center for Center staff. Among the staff on both the Male and Female Centers, Curtis is considered the "go to Guy" on any problems or projects in the O&A facility. He has created a positive work environment for his colleagues and is constantly looking for ways to better the functionality of the Observation and Assessment Center. Finally, Curtis has demonstrated an initiative in his position as restitution coordinator, by ascribing responsibility to himself that had not yet been defined. He took on the position with a hope to better the program at the end of his tenure and has done just that. The work he has performed out in the community with the youth has strengthened



the ties the O&A program has to other programs that depend on us for services. The residents have bettered the life of others through the hard work and organization Curtis implemented into the restitution program.

Curtis was humble by this award. When asked how it made him feel he said, "After seeing the competition, I felt that I was in great company. What a talented group of people. But really I was honored to receive it even if most of the projects that I completed were in a large part due to the hard work of the boys at O&A. It was an honor to talk to the Governor and I found him to be a down to earth man."

Curtis has worked full time with JJS since 2003 and a year before that as a part-timer. Curtis served in the U.S Army from 91-94 and graduated from the U of U with a Bachelors in Sociology. Curtis has been happily married to Melissa since 2002 and they had their first daughter Isabella, in December of last year. He says "She is a very entertaining and positive addition to their lives."

Curtis enjoys playing Golf and poker and completing projects around the house, "as much as one can enjoy that."

Curtis is always looking for ways to improve the program at Salt Lake O&A.

I might add that in my work in the community I have had many compliments regarding the work the O&A youth due throughout the community because of the time that Curtis has spent building those relationships and trust bonds with them. The restitution programs are a great way to help the community see that JJS is working to help the youth develop accountability and competency development through community service.



Governor Huntsman addressing the award recipients



From left to right Marie Christman, Curtis, Melissa & Isabella deLagerheim, Mark Ward, Dan Maldonado at the Employee of the Year Celebration.

#### RECOGNITION...

Every Department of Human Services employee deserves recognition. It motivates staff to High Performance. If you know of awards being given lets honor them in the Correction Connection. Share your outstanding employees with everyone...

If you have good ideas on ways to recognize staff let us know. Contact Lisa Schauerhamer Community Relations Coordinator at email [lschauer@utah.gov](mailto:lschauer@utah.gov) or Phone 801-538-4086

Reward staff for doing a GOOD job.

# A WALK THROUGH THE DECADES.....

by Lisa Schauerhamer

Salt Lake Valley Detention took advantage of the kids being out of school to go through the decades of history.



Starting with the “Roaring the flappers and Women’s suffrage, the 19th amendment was finally passed.

Highlights of the 30’s was the completion of the Golden Gate Bridge. The boys did a recreation that was amazing. Remember that cute Shirley Temple, or Amelia Earhart, Ray Charles? What about Elvis? TV was invented. The Drive in Theater. Did you know that the first Airplane flew from Salt Lake to New York in the 30’s?

“It has always been WE the people not just the men of the United States of America”

The 40’s brought penicillin, the water heater, Basketball, and the nuclear bomb.

The 50’s were recreated with an enactment from Grease with the famous T-Birds. Academy Award acting. In 1955 Rosa Parks took a stand on the bus.



1960 was flower power, the 8 track tape, Tie Dye, PEACE, the hula hoop, and the amazing black light. Don’t forget bell bottoms.



In 1970 we went through the jungles of Vietnam to the war protests. While Jaws was on the big screen, people were decorating their houses in green and orange. 1970 saw the rise of the first Trade

Center, and 1973 followed with the second. There was a smiley face everywhere. How good were you at the video game of Pong? In 1976 the VCR - wow, you could rent a machine and see a movie at home. It was also the Richard Nixon era.



I must say it was difficult judging the walk through history. Many great facts were displayed and acted out. What a great use of “summer vacation” in a facility. I think this was an activity that the kids will remember through their life and some of the facts will stick with them because they came to life.

When was duct tape invented? This has to be the most used and most useful item in history and in putting together a walk through history.

## 30’s 40’s 50’s 60’s 70’s

What do you remember?



# Year End Statewide Volunteer Report

by Lisa Schauerhamer

Volunteers are considered a great asset in the Division. They play a part in the accomplishment of the Mission of the Division. Volunteers are the piece of the puzzle that will help our youth make that step back into, and feel more a part of, their community. This past year the volunteer program has contributed a large amount to the programs around the state both in time and donations.

The Volunteer program is working toward better communication with facility coordinators and helping staff see the value of the community volunteer in connection with the Balanced and Restorative Justice Model through activities. Many thanks to the staff and administration for their support of the volunteer program. It is a great value to the youth we serve and strength to our programs.

	Volunteer Visits	Hours	Value - Hours x \$10.00
Northern Area	6,102	15,046.13	\$150,461.30
Central Area	8,513	30,505.50	\$305,055.00
Southern Area	9,559	24,893.00	\$248,930.00
Total	24,174	70,444.63	\$704,446.30
	Court Volunteers	Hours	Value
Northern Area	0	0.00	\$-
Central Area	0	0.00	\$-
Southern Area	66	2,909	\$29,090.00
Total	66	2,909	\$29,090.00
	Cash Donations	In-Kind Donations	
Northern Area	0	\$107,470.09	
Central Area	0	\$22,596.00	
Southern Area	0	\$117,352.17	
Total	0	\$247,418.26	
	Youth Restitution Hours		
Northern Area	69,693.50		
Central Area	52,772.64		
Southern Area	32,278.00		
Total	154,744.14		

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Have News?

What is going on with  
Staff and Volunteers?  
Brag a little....

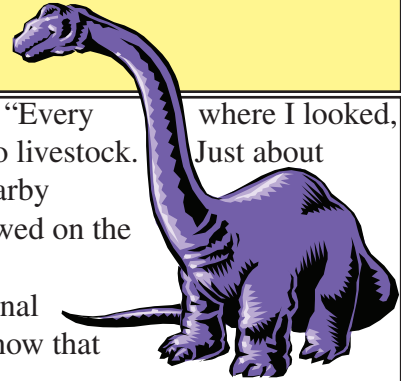
Need a speaker?



# The Great Oil Rush in Vernal

Is the Vernal Oil situation similar to the California Gold Rush in the 1800's?

by Lisa Schauerhamer



It was 15 years ago that Colin Kelly Jr. drove through Vernal. “Every colorful plaster dinosaur statues advertised everything from lodging to livestock. Just about every business owner in town realized Vernal’s main draw was the nearby Dinosaur National Monument and they wanted in on the action bestowed on the area by ancient history.”

As Colin recently drove through Vernal he noticed “While Vernal certainly still is milking the whole dinosaur thing, there’s something now that could really pay off and we have the dinosaurs to thank yet again.”

“Big changes are afoot, and if the economics work out, Vernal could become a big player in U.S. oil production. The Green River Formation surrounding Vernal and extending into Colorado and Wyoming conceals more oil than Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Angola, Algeria, Indonesia, Venezuela, and the United Arab Emirates- combined. It could greatly reduce the nation’s dependence on foreign oil.”

Grace Wall Conlon writes “Work is underway to extract and develop Utah’s hidden oil resources. As long as oil prices remain high oil shale development makes sense.”

“Uintah county officials are well aware of the impact oil shale is having on their community,” says Bill Johnson, Executive Director of Uintah County’s Vernal City Economic Development. He does not want to see another “Boom/Bust.”

“If oil production in the Green River Formation really takes off, the city of Vernal will grow at an exponential rate. The growth has already begun.” Bill Johnson says, “Prior to the activity the average home price in Vernal was barely \$100,000.00. Now it is about \$185,000. Land was selling for about \$40,000 an acre--now it’s up to \$60,000 or 65,000 an acre. There is quite a boom and a housing crunch.”

Johnson also comments on the negative aspect of what’s happening to his city: “The problem in Vernal is there’s no interstate access or railroad. The city is very dependent on gas and oil exploration for development so this may drive interest in to bring in a rail spur to the area.”

“County population is roughly 30,000 with Vernal the largest shopping hub for people within an 1100 mile radius. Highway 40, a two-lane relic, is the sole major roadway into Vernal,” writes Grace Wall Conlon

Prior Harrell, Manager of the Ashley Valley Sewer Management Board (an entity that serves Vernal, Naples and the unincorporated parts of the county) confirms Johnson’s view of growth. “I’ve lived here for 22 years,” he says, “and in all that time, I haven’t seen many new subdivisions. But in the last six months, I’ve seen 10 new ones under construction.”

Harrell is confident about the area’s ability to handle the population influx. “Our waste water system,” he says, “is only at one-half of its capacity. We can serve about 55 to 60 thousand people at full capacity.”

“New building loans are rumored to be in the thousands,” Harrell says, “The sound of hammers and the rumbling of tanker trucks will fill the air this summer.”

Lisa Schauerhamer met a woman from Vernal who said “if any out of town guests need to attend an event such as a wedding, a funeral etc., there are no accommodations due to the mining.”

The local Wal-Mart is down by about 125 employees. That is 1/2 of their staff. They are currently offering \$11.00 an hour with immediate health benefits for part time employees. Lowe’s



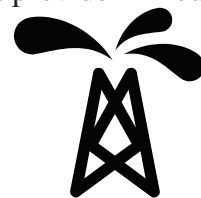
construction is well underway with their new building after having concerns coming in as to whether they could staff the store. AND yes it has affected JJS. "Our Vernal facility-Split Mountain Youth Center-was down seven staff when the hiring freeze hit," says Jared Foster, Control Room Supervisor. "They had to get help from Price in the maintenance area and the youth from O&A were doing lawns." They really appreciated how the other facilities near and far helped out.

The big mining companies can come in and offer a high starting wage and other business' can't compete. Therefore, people are jumping ship to make more money. Some are even leaving long term jobs. Lisa spoke to another woman whose husband left a great job with benefits to make more money. The local McDonald's is paying \$10.00 an hour to keep people.

Jared Foster says, "The mass construction of natural gas lines have been completed and the majority of workers have migrated out of the Basin to follow the pipeline construction, leaving most of the newly constructed camper parks filled with nothing but utility hook ups and weeds. apartments and homes (in a decent price range) are still hard to find. Oil/Gas drilling has reached its peak and is beginning to slowly slump. I am unaware of any oil shale or oil sand production advancements. This, however, has not made any noticeable changes in the amount of employment applications we receive here at the center."

"I have been the Control Supervisor at Split Mountain for a little over six months," says Jared. "I have five full time and several part time positions under me. In the six months I have never been at full staff, and I have been up to four full time staff short at the facility due to vacant positions and training that is out of the area. This makes it extremely difficult when I must provide 24 hour coverage to the Control Room. Currently, I have two full time staff with one interview planned."

Is this going to be a California Gold Rush and what will be the long term impact of this great little tourist town where the Dinosaurs still draw tourists?  
For the full article in Connect Utah go to [www.connect-utah.com](http://www.connect-utah.com) July issue



## GOLF SCRAMBLE 2007

by Linda Campbell

This was the most perfect day we have ever had for the Golf Scramble! It was a beautiful day at Spanish Oaks Golf Course. We had 22 teams participate this year. WestPro won 1st place and won passes to Thanksgiving Point. Golf-Pepsi was in 2nd place and won passes to Hobbie Creek Golf. 3rd place was Hampton Inn and they won passes to East Bay Golf. We had teams from Price to Ogden. We appreciate the great support from staff and administration. We had many sponsors playing golf, and many sponsors donated food. Thanks to ALL the private providers who make this day possible. We would like to thank our committee, Mary Kay Kennedy, Shelly Sircle, Vicki Goodman, Noela Karza, Brandee Nuzman, Julie Gibson, Miles Archuletta, Jill Merritt, Maria Ponce, Lisa Schauerhamer and Linda Campbell. We would also like to thank Heritage Youth for providing the pavilion. We received prizes from Disneyland, Deer Valley Ski Resort, Mesquite area resorts, and many other hotels, and restaurants. We received over \$6,000 in prizes.

The money from this event allows the youth from the Mountainlands Athletic League to play sporting events all year. The money is used for shirts and any equipment needed. They enjoy different sports all through the year, and it's great for the youth to learn many skills. After all the expenses the league will net 2,300 this year! We received a \$1,000 donation from a contact of MaryKay Kennedy! The youth will be able to enjoy sports all year, and maybe a pizza party also.

Thanks especially to the golfers who support this event! We have wonderful sponsors who are so generous to make a difference in the lives of the youth! Thanks for a great year, hope to see you all next year.



# GETTING FAMILIES INVOLVED SALT LAKE EARLY INTERVENTION

by Jim Miller

The Salt Lake Early Intervention Program (SLEI) has been networking for the past three years with the Families United Program. Families United is a program that originated through a grant from the University of Utah's School of Social work. The program works with Latino youth and families using the Strengthening Families curriculum. Strengthening Families focuses on identifying issues with teens and families and providing prevention skills to reduce these problems. The grant was tied in to the rise of HIV in the Latino community. An HIV awareness course makes up half the Families United programming.

Through our participation with Families United, Salt Lake Early Intervention has six staff trained in facilitating the Strengthening Families curriculum. In July 2007, we formatted a family group using the Strengthening Families curriculum and targeted the rest of our youth/family population in need of services. The results were exceptional. Out of 15 families that started the group, 11 families graduated. A survey for families was provided after the final session. The feedback from the parents was exceptional. The parents stressed the effectiveness of the communication sessions and the activity based format of the program. They also felt it was a productive support mechanism to hear other families share issues about problems with teens. The kids were able to express their issues in an open forum without negative feedback from their parents. They felt like someone was listening. Our staff stated the program was a great tool to strengthen their group presentation skills as well as helping families problem solve.

Another SLEI program that promotes family involvement is the Native American Talk Circle/Sweat Lodge. The youth meet weekly in a Talk Circle and then once a month they participate in a Sweat Lodge. The focus is on spiritual awareness with no affiliation to any specific religion. Jim Prichard, who facilitates the group with Salt Lake Early Intervention staff, has provided an opportunity for parents to participate with their youth. This third Friday of every month, a family Sweat Lodge is available for all. This is another venue to improve communication between kids and parents. We usually have 7-10 families participate. Most participants have successfully completed SLEI or are currently in the program.

We would like to thank our community allied agencies and all our volunteers who have helped make these opportunities available for families. We also want to commend our staff who facilitate and co-facilitate these groups and know the importance of family involvement in addressing the issues of the youth and families. Keep up the great work!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

NAMI 5K Franklin Covey Field, September 29th, 10:00 AM,  
NAMI Utah wants you to help in our annual fund-raising event. Come support the NAMI walk and help raise awareness about mental illness, reduce stigma and raise funds to support NAMI Utah's programs for the community.

Did you know that all of NAMI Utah's programs are free for the public? This is our opportunity to show that our community cares about mental illness! As a fund-raising walk, there are several ways to participate in the 5k event.

1. Register online through [www.namiut.org](http://www.namiut.org).

You can sign up as an individual or form and join a team for your office, friends, and/or family. For details about forming a team, call Mary at the NAMI State Office 1-801-9900 or 1-877-230-6264.

2. Make a donation to the walk or sponsor another walker/team. If you can't walk in the race, you can make a donation to sponsor a walker, a team, or our organization. Call the NAMI State Office for more details on making a donation. NAMI Utah - National Alliance on Mental Illness Utah's Voice on Mental Illness  
[www.namiut.org](http://www.namiut.org)

## HEALTHY UTAH MAINTAIN DON'T GAIN CONTEST

Be a part of Healthy Utah's Maintain Don't Gain Contest! The goal of the contest is to get you thinking about managing stress over the holidays, getting your 30 minutes of daily physical activity, and keeping those extra pounds off your waistline!

This is a fun contest to do in facilities and among friends. Everyone weighs at the beginning and again at the end.

Log in to your myHealthyUtah account at <https://www.health.utah.gov/myhu> and register today! Program starts NOVEMBER 1.

Questions? call 801-538-6261 or 888-222-2542

## WELLNESS TIP

Did you know that Energy Drinks = A ton of Caffeine. Is Caffeine Dangerous? Caffeine is a drug. When consumed in high amounts, it manipulates the pleasure center of the brain in a similar way alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drugs do.

\*Beer companies are now producing energy drinks with alcohol.

\*Energy drink's misleading advertising includes: erroneous health claims no guidelines on consumption limits, and questionable athletic benefits.

\*There is an increased use of energy drinks with alcohol consumption, illicit drug use, and non-medical use of prescription drugs.

\*The main drug in energy drinks is caffeine.

\*Caffeine is addictive. Companies include the ingredient to encourage continued consumption.

\*Energy drinks can contain 11 times more Caffeine.

\*Guarana, an unregulated stimulant in energy drinks, intensifies caffeine's effect.

\*Energy drink industry is expected to make \$10 billion by 2010.

\* Some energy drinks are banned in Europe.

### Can to Can Comparison

This comparison illustrates how many 12 oz. cans of Coke you would have to drink to equal the same amount of caffeine in an energy drink.

\*Red Bull One 8.3 oz. = 3 cans of Coke

\*Full Throttle 16 oz. = 4.5 cans of coke

\* Monster 16 oz. = 5 cans of coke

\* RockStar 16 oz. = 5 cans of coke

\* Wired 344 16 oz. = 11 cans of coke

There are a number of these drinks out there.

Caffeine dehydrates the body. We need to educate ourselves and our youth.

If you would like more information  
[www.utahcountysubstanceabuse.org](http://www.utahcountysubstanceabuse.org)

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This information makes a great training.